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#### PLACEMENTS UP 2%

For the week ending October 28, 2006, growers placed 11.5 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.4% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.5 mill) increased 2.3% from comparable week in 2005. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.0 million, a decrease of 0.1% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.3 million for the week ending October 21, 2006 compared to 11.1 million slaughtered during the same week in 2005.

#### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
09/02/06	13,807	13,797	11,523	11,474	11,601	11,474
09/09/06	13,569	13,585	11,570	11,537	11,571	11,537
09/16/06	13,129	13,075	11,599	11,266	11,602	11,458
09/23/06	13,832	13,642	11,498	11,346	11,498	11,391
09/30/06	13,894	13,741	11,335	11,248	11,338	11,377
10/07/06	13,629	13,740	10,919	10,695	10,919	10,757
10/14/06	13,835	13,240	11,695	11,300	11,697	11,315
10/21/06	13,693	13,145	11,764	11,382	11,764	11,645
10/28/06	13,026	13,018	11,232	11,485	11,234	11,508

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

\* Revised.

#### NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 11/04/06	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	61.52	61.86	69.60	63.48
12-City Composite 2/	65.57	65.48	65.62	68.69

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.